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836-800 William St. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1850-1880's

As originally built, all of the houses but one lining this side of the 800 block of William St. were three story in height with gable roofs, and all but 828 William St. are two bays wide. The exception is 806 William St. which is a two story plus attic brick house. The houses were built for a middle class market--men who had prospered in the local shipbuilding and glass-making trades and could afford a larger and more comfortable house than the two story plus attic type built for their working class neighbors. Many of the houses retain their original appearance but 828, 818, and 800 William St. now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices, added after the Civil War. 804 William St. is one of only two bow-fronted, Classical-Revival influenced brick and brownstone houses in the Federal Hill area, and seems to have replaced an earlier structure on the site. At 820 William St., at the south-west corner of William and Churchill Streets, is the currently vacant, Classical-Revival style church building of the South Baltimore Station of the Methodist Episcopal Church, built by church members in the early 1850's. The building is three stories in height with a high gable roof that runs parallel to Churchill St., the pedimented gable end fronting on William St. The facade is divided into three bays by two-story high brick piers that run from the high "rusticated" basement to the severe Classical pediment.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

South Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

820 William St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER none**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Classical Revival style

This three story brick building with pedimented gable roof and three-bay wide facade was built in 1851 to serve as the South Baltimore Station of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The building is currently unoccupied and for sale.

The building is three stories in height, about 65' wide, and occupies a lot 96' deep. The William St. facade is divided into three bays, articulated by four simple brick piers with Doric capitals with stylized leaf decoration, and stone bases. The brick piers are set on a very high basement (comprising the entire first floor level of the facade) constructed of brick laid in a pattern to simulate stonework. This brick basement area is capped by a band of stonework that runs across the facade just below the base of the brick piers articulating the main section of the facade. The piers themselves support the triangular pediment which rests on a deep freize area decorated with a single molding strip. The upper sections of the pediment are framed by simple, deeply projecting wooden crown moldings; the base of the pediment is marked by the same crown molding set above a row of dentils. There is a small round window in the center of the pediment. The entire facade is constructed in running bond brickwork.

The central bay of the facade is marked by a tall, pedimented window set above the entrance at the second floor level of the facade, between flanking brick piers. The original window area itself has been boarded over, but it was capped by a triangular pediment with rows of dentils set beneath the deeply projecting crown moldings forming the pediment. The base of the pediment is also supported by a row of wooden consoles interspersed with the dentils. The base of the window area has curved sides and a central, recessed panel. The entrance has been modernized, with the original doors being replaced by a double glass and aluminum door. The entrance portico remains, however, and consists of stone piers flanking the doorway, surmounted by a stone freize area with slightly projecting flat stone lintel bordered by a row of quarter-round carvings and supported by two stone consoles. The entrance is reached by two wide granite steps.

The Churchill St. (north) facade of the building is five bays deep, each bay articulated by a slightly projecting brick window enframement. There is an upper and lower row of windows corresponding to the second and third floors, and a row of windows at the basement level. These latter have splayed brick lintels and stone sills, but the upper story windows are completely boarded over. There are recessed panels in the brickwork between each level of windows.

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD**

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☒ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES 1851

 BUILDER/ARCHITECT members of the South Baltimore
 Station Methodist Church
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is important for having been the first Methodist Church to be built in the South Baltimore area. A great many of the members of the congregation were employed in local ship-building and carpentry trades and most of the construction work and many of the building materials were provided by the members themselves. Prominent among this group was William Harman, a local house carpenter who built two houses just to the south of the church at 830 and 836 William St. in this same period.

A photograph of the building as it originally looked with its unpainted brick facade can be seen in a small volume on the history of the Church, written by Augustus Sessions (Baltimore, 1891), in the collection of the Maryland Historical Society. This volume also lists the names of the original members of the congregation and their occupations.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

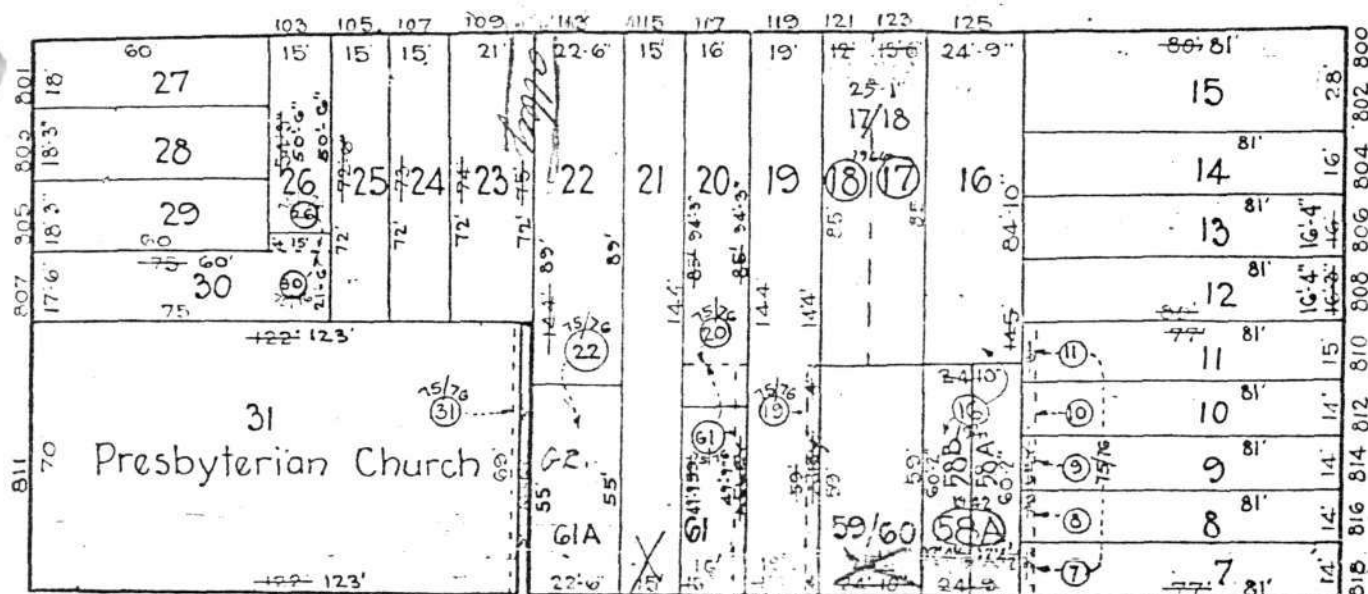
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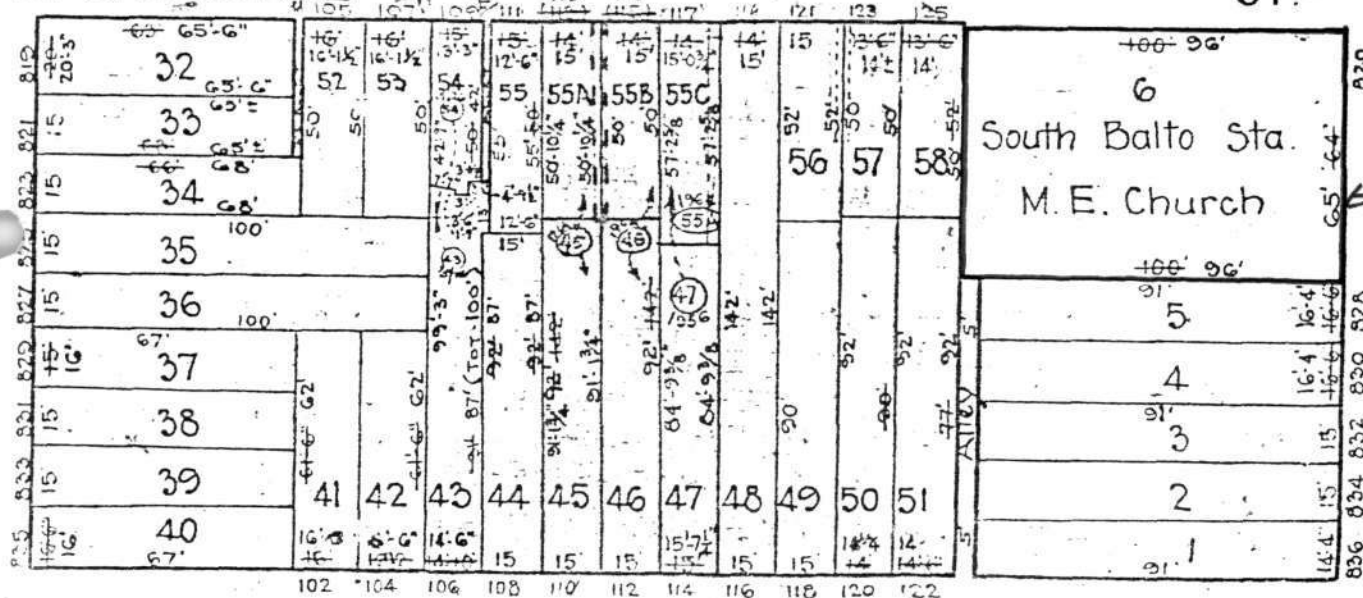
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E. CHURCH ST.

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WILLIAM

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East and north elevations